TARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Central Assistance for the Development of tourism in Andhra Pradesh

2602. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount allocated and spent for the development of tourism in the Central sector in Andhra Pradesh during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) what is the amount of additional grants and subsidies given to Andhra Pradesh during the above period; and

(c) what is the amount of loans and subsidies granted out of Central sector to the private hotels and restaurants during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) For various projects and schemes Rs. 310.46 lakhs was sanctioned to State Government of Andhra Pradesh and Rs. 223.24 lakhs have been released to them, so far.

(b) and (c) No additional grant was given for projects of Andhra Pradesh. However, interest subsidy amounting to Rs. 1.45 lakhs for hotel projects in Andhra Pradesh was given through Industrial Finance Corporation of India, so far. Loans amounting to Rs. 2281.90 lakhs have been sanctioned to projects in Andhra Pradesh by Industrial Finance Corporation of India/IFCI.

Telugu Ganga Project

2603. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Telugu Ganga Project has created an inter-State dispute between Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by the Central Government to resolve the dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) The Government of Karnataka and Maharashtra have objected to Telugu Ganga Project as formulated by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) The basin States have taken upon themselves to resolve the differences.

Platinum deposits in Orissa

2604. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that highly promising deposits of platinum have been located in some areas of Orissa recently;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any sample has been analysed by the National Physical Laboratory; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Only incidence of Platinum has been reported in some laterite samples from Bhubana area of Dhenkanal district of Orissa during